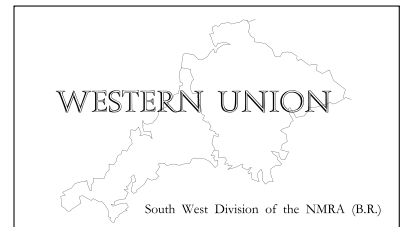


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A long coal train runs down through Anson Yard. The new storage yard allows these long trains to be run.

First the bad news, our venue has put up the rent by about 80%. This means that we will have to increase the attendance fee to £6 per person, if attendance continues at the current numbers. Note this rate is still comparable to other venues.

Now the good news.

The new storage yard is now complete and after a few minor adjustments was put into operation at the February meeting. The March meeting showed that the yard is quick and easy to set up. Thanks to Steve for all his hard work, and to those who helped out both practically and financially.

The new yard now provides plenty of storage space for trains to be made up ready for running. The longest track is over 30 feet long, with the yard about a scale half mile long. Think of it this way, at 60 mph it takes a train about 30 seconds to traverse it. The whole layout is now 44 feet long, about 1.5 scale miles around.

The new yard now allows space in Anson Yard (previously Pine Yard, but since the tree felling incident it was decided to come up with a better name) to carry out switching.



The new storage yard with 7 tracks, my 15 car freight is lost behind the Amtrak passenger train.

With the addition of Ken's modules we are starting to be able to swap modules around. With the addition of a few more modules we may be in the position of building an end to end configuration which could spiral around the room and use a return loop to send trains back. This could extend to about 200 feet of mainline in the space we have, depending on if the N gauge layout is at the meeting.

The space at Hilltop has been reduced by a gym being built in the small room where the N gauge layout is normally placed. This means the layout now has to fit alongside the HO layout. We are also looking into

other venues where we would have more space and better parking.

The basic prototype board for the single track, double sided modules has been built, and looks promising.

Our layout has been accepted for the Plymouth Exhibition on 13th & 14th August, anyone who is prepared to come and help run it for either day please contact me.

We plan to run sound equipped trains with the layout operating as a yard on a single track mainline.

Meetings for 2006 are:

May 13th
June 17th
July 15th
August 19th
September 16th
October 21st
November 18th
December 16th

Costs (Tea/coffee inc.)-
£6 per person
£3 under 16's



Two sound equipped steam locos double heading over Ken's new modules

Other layouts sometimes attend, and if you have one you would like to bring please contact me to ensure there is space.

For those who bring boards for the HO modular layout. If you cannot bring your boards can you please let me know with as much notice as possible so we can work out what others need to bring.

Directions to Hilltop:

If traveling from Tavistock take the turn off after the Crownhill flyover, go through the shops, keep in the lefthand lane over the flyover, taking the left which turns you back towards Tavistock. Keep left off the main road:-

If traveling from the A38 turn off at the junction for Tavistock and follow the Tavistock route around the roundabout. Take the left immediately after passing under the next flyover:-

Take the right lane onto the roundabout, take the second exit onto Budshead Road. At the next roundabout turn right on to Tamerton Foliot Road, follow this road down to Tamerton Foliot up into the village on Fore Street. Go straight across all the mini roundabouts, when you reach the top of the hill follow the road to the left, then turn right into Linton Close. The community centre is right in front of you on the left side of the road. We use the large room immediately left after entering the building.

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